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### **Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded a Third Time to Nipomo Community Services District**

In June, Nipomo Community Services District received news it had received the “District Transparency Certificate of Excellence” by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. This is the third consecutive time the Nipomo Community Services District has received this prestigious award.

“This award assures the community that the Nipomo Community Services District is committed to open government,” said Mario Iglesias, General Manager. “Our District’s elected Board of Directors and team of staff members are to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The Nipomo Community Services District also fulfilled twenty-two website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit.

Finally, the District must demonstrate outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through a regular newsletter, an annual informational public budget hearing, and a community engagement project.

The Nipomo Community Services District operates one water system and two sewer systems; one serving the Town Division and one serving the Blacklake Division. The District provides services such as water, wastewater, solid waste franchise, street lighting in the Blacklake division and drainage to a limited area.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

For more information, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133, [info@ncsd.ca.gov](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov) or visit [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov).

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Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.